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UDALL RESTATES INTERIOR NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AREAS

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today reiterated that Departmental regulations concerning nondiscrimination extend to all installations administered by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife as well as to State-developed fish and wildlife areas partly financed with Federal aid.

Regulations adopted many months ago require that no person shall be subjected to any form of discrimination on Interior-administered or Interior-supported areas because of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Secretary Udall said that no incidents had arisen over the regulations, but that portions of them applicable to fish and wildlife areas were restated for administrative purposes so they will be more readily available for reference.

All States receive Federal aid for fish and wildlife restoration programs, with up to 75 percent of the projects being financed from funds administered by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The States provide the remaining funds.

The Federal share of costs for such projects last year was about \$22 million. The money was used for purchasing and developing public hunting and fishing areas, building facilities such as boat-launching ramps, campsites, parking lots, access roads, fish and game stocking, inventories, basic research, and other projects.

The regulations also apply to agreements between the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and persons supplying services or facilities on areas administered by the Bureau. These include marinas, bait stands, and overnight accommodations.

The regulations are part of the Interior Department's effort to fulfill its responsibilities under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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